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Doug Leisenring, Superintendent

**Board of Education - Minutes of the Re-Organizational and Regular Meeting  
Delta-Schoolcraft ISD - Virtual Meeting conducted on Zoom,  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829 - Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 4:00p.m.**

**The meeting was held virtually via zoom as allowed by the Governor's Orders to slow the spread of COVID-19.**

Doug Leisenring, superintendent, called the Re-Organizational School Board Meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

Roll call showed the following Board members present: Rena Richtig, Joan Ecclesine, Mary Simonsen and Wayne Christoff.

Absent: Jon Haindl, Jim Frazer, Tammy Wolfer Beauchamp.

Also present: Mark Christoff, Tara Weaver, Mary Aird, Trent Bellingar, Jenny Corrigan, Sue Argall, Beau Miller, Andrea Tourangeau and Doug Leisenring.

Motion by Wayne Christoff, with support by Joan Ecclesine, to approve the slate of officers as presented: Mary Simonsen, president, Rena Richtig, vice president, Wayne Christoff, treasurer, Jim Frazer, secretary. The remaining order of trustees are Jon Haindl, Joan Ecclesine and Tammy Wolfe Beauchamp. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Doug Leisenring turned the meeting over to the president, Mary Simonsen.

No additions to agenda.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Wayne Christoff, to approve the re-organizational consent agenda including the minutes of the June 24, 2020 special meeting and the invoices as presented. General Fund- \$289,278.15, Clear Lake Fund- \$6,681.60, Special Education- \$118,926.11 and Career Tech- \$118,866.00 for a total of \$533,751.86. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mary Simonsen, president, appointed the standing committees as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Rena Richtig, with support by Joan Ecclesine, to approve 6-13 of the re-organizational agenda including: authorization of the superintendent to enter into contractual agreements/grants on behalf of the DSISD, approval of depositories/authorized payroll deductions, approval of authorized signators, designate a representative to post meeting notices/take board minutes, surety bonds for secretary and treasurer, delegation of election duties, approval of organizational memberships and approval of retainer contracts-attorney firms. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**GENERAL, SPECIAL AND CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

Mary Simonsen, called the regular meeting to order: Roll call showed the following Board members present: Rena Richtig, Joan Ecclesine, Mary Simonsen and Wayne Christoff.

No additions to agenda.

No board reports.

Trent Bellinger, CTE director, shared background on the recommended hire of Steve Menard, for the DSISD building trades class. Steve brings 20+ years of successful industry experience to the job.

Andy Claes, special education director, reported on COVID-19 updates noting they are moving staff around to offer adequate distancing, and trying to stay on top of safety guidelines and recommendations as they evolve. He shared background on the need for Rapid River to contract a special education teacher thru the DSISD.

Doug Leisenring, elaborated on Lacy Lauzon's Soo Hill report, sharing the custodial team is working hard painting, patching and cleaning up the new building. The plan is to move from St. Annes starting August 3rd.

Mark Christoff, technology director, gave an update on Soo Hill technology needs coming together, sharing that the Smart Boards and projectors are up. He also noted the local technology directors are keeping on top of options for how to pay for and provide online learning if need be.

Tara Weaver, Great Start director, shared that each county has been awarded a \$20,000 grant for the Trusted Advisors program. The funds will be used to add musical equipment to playgrounds, funding summer/fall reading programming, implementing the Ready 4k text messaging system, and providing an Ace's training event for parents and providers. She also shared they have received guidance on home visiting to start back up and need to use the guidelines to develop own protocols.

Doug Leisenring, superintendent, reported on the release of the Return to School Roadmap, noting every school has to submit 3 plans, one for phases 1-3 which are lock down phases, a plan for phase 4 which is open with certain requirements in place and a plan for phase 5 which is open with less requirements. He shared they are working with the health department and planning for weekly communications with them and the local superintendents. He noted the DSISD is ordering PPE, hand soap and hand sanitizer to have available as needed. The plans should be ready for approval at the August 13 DSISD regular school board meeting. He also shared some contract comparison data.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support from Wayne Christoff, to approve the individual contracts as follows: Larry Brown and Amy Caloutte no increase for 20/21, Jennie Miron 1.25% raise (reduced to reflect having only been in position for 5 months), and for business assistant, special education secretary and executive secretary to superintendent a 2.5% raise. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Rena Richtig, to approve the recommended hire of Michael Roland as the Instructional Technology and School Improvement Coordinator. Mike comes to the DSISD after working in Calumet and Kenowa Hills. This position will fill a need to provide online technology support and general education services. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Wayne Christoff, with support by Joan Ecclesine to approve the hire of Steve Menard for the building trades instructor position. Steve comes to the DSISD with over 20 years in industry experience. Motion carried on roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Wayne Christoff, to approve the recommendation to post for a Resource Room Teacher to serve Rapid River Schools on a 100% bill back basis. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Wayne Christoff, to approve posting for Learning Center Aides. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Wayne Christoff, to approve the adoption of the 2020/21 school calendars as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Moton by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Rena Richtig, to approve the adoption of the 2020/2021 DSISD School Board meeting schedule which includes a date change, back to August 13 for the August meeting on the proposed schedule. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Simonsen at 5:00p.m.

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Jim Frazer, Secretary  
Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District  
Board of Education

**Please note the next School Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4:00p.m.**